

KAISER DIRECTS FURIOUS DRIVE IN WEST

CONGRESS TO
BACK WILSON
ON SUB ISSUE

Political Element Enters Into Discussion, but Will Not Alter Course.

GERMAN NOTE AWAITED

Military Circles in Berlin Said Not to Care Whether Break Comes.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Gore announced today he would offer a concurrent resolution that Americans should keep off armed belligerent ships.

Senate leaders agreed to adjourn tonight until tomorrow instead of continuing the old legislative day by recess. That will give Senator Gore an opportunity to introduce his resolution and his bill and it is expected the senate will debate the issue fully.

Sensor Gore sought to introduce his bill to prohibit passage of Americans on such ships, and also to introduce a concurrent resolution, requiring passage by the house, but unlike his bill, not the approval of the president.

Senator Gore issued a statement declaring "It seems to me the ship of state is drifting or driving headlong on the breakers. I do not say deliberately, but I fear directly on the breakers."

When asked about reports that he had conferred with former Secretary Bryan before preparing his bill and resolution, Senator Gore said:

"I have not seen Mr. Bryan since last January. I did not talk to him at that time about the bills on this subject I had then introduced. Of course, I know that Mr. Bryan favors action such as I propose."

Senator Gore's resolution follows: "Whereas, a number of leading powers of the world are now engaged in a war of unexampled proportions and, "Whereas, the United States is happily at peace with all of the belligerent nations, and,

"Whereas, it is equally the desire and the interest of the American people to remain at peace with all nations, and,

"Whereas, the president has recently offered fresh and signal proofs of the superiority of diplomacy to butchery as a method of settling international disputes, and,

"Whereas, the right of American citizens to travel on unarmed belligerent vessels has recently received renewed guarantees of respect and inviolability, and,

"Whereas, the right of American citizens to travel on armed belligerent vessels rather than on unarmed vessels is essential neither to their life, liberty or safety, nor to the independence, dignity or security of the United States, and,

"Whereas, congress alone has been vested with the power to declare war which involves the obligations to prevent war by all proper means consistent with the honor and vital interest of the nation, now,

"Therefore, be it resolved by the senate and the house of representatives concurring, that it is the sense of the congress, vested as it is with the sole power to declare war, that all persons owing allegiance to the United States should in behalf of their own safety and the vital interest of the United States, forbear to exercise the right to travel as passengers on any armed vessel of any belligerent power, whether such vessel be armed for offensive or defensive purposes, and it is the further sense of the congress that no passport should be issued or renewed by the secretary of state or

KEOKUK'S VIOLATOR
CONVICTED BY JURY

Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 24.—Philip Nickel was found guilty of selling liquor contrary to the laws of Iowa by a jury in the district court this afternoon. A verdict was reached after 50 minutes' deliberations. Judge Hamilton announced he would impose sentence later. Nickel is liable to a fine of from \$50 to \$200.

Nickel's attorney announced he would file notice of an appeal to the state supreme court.

Coal Miners
To Be Given
Wage Boost

New York, Feb. 24.—The organized mine workers of the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, who are here negotiating a new wage agreement with the coal mine owners to become effective April 1, have been given informal assurances that some of the important demands made by the union will be granted by the operators with certain restrictions.

The details have not yet been settled, but the miners are confident a satisfactory contract will be agreed on.

THE WAR
TODAY

The great German drive for Verdun, the biggest military operation on the western front since the allied offensive of last September and productive of one of the most desperate battles of the war, is being pushed with tremendous force by the army of the German crown prince.

The Tontine lines are being steadily drawn nearer and nearer the fortress, according to the Berlin war office, which today announces the driving of another wedge into the French line. It claims a German advance through the village of Haumont and the capture of Samogneux, about six miles distant from Verdun proper.

Elsewhere also the Germans have scored advances, occupying the wooded district north of Beaumont and the woods of Herbe, to the northeast, while the northwest village of Brabant has been occupied.

The French war office, on the other hand, announces that the French lines have not been broken at any point by the terrific assaults of the 500,000 Germans engaged in the offensive. It admits the loss of the village of Brabant, which it characterizes as an advanced position, but disputes the German claim to the capture of Samogneux. An attack on that village was repulsed, it is declared.

Along the 25-mile front on which the German attack is being directed, the fighting has been of the most desperate character. Apparently it has been particularly intensive near Beaumont, one of the strongest of the French positions, but wave after wave of German infantry rolling against the defenses have failed to dislodge the French. They have been driven out of part of the wood of Caures, but their lines are holding further to the east, in front of Ornes.

At Lisbon, Portugal, yesterday the commander of the naval division, apparently of his own initiative, took forcible possession of 86 German and Austrian ships lying in the Tagus river, hoisted the Portuguese flag and saluted them with a 21-gun salvo from the Portuguese fleet. It is said the act of the Portuguese commander was totally unexpected by the governing authorities.

\$500,000 Pittsburgh Fire.
Pittsburgh, Feb. 24.—Fire swept through the plant of the Union Storage company here today, completely destroying one warehouse and wrecking another with a loss of \$500,000. Twenty-five men at work in the plant were believed to have escaped, although a number of men were reported missing after the walls of the building had collapsed.

Latest Bulletins

Connell Bluffs, Ia., Feb. 24.—Lou Storr of Glenwood, hung suspended in a bucket for five hours yesterday evening while masonry walls that had caved in pressed against him and the bucket, preventing it either going up or down. Workmen struggled frantically to release him and special electric light lines were strung so that the rescuers might work after dark. Aside from minor bruises, Storr was alright today.

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 24.—The foreign minister, Baron Ishii, denied in the diet today that Japan intends to send troops to the assistance of Russia.

New York, Feb. 24.—The Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam arrived today from Rotterdam and reported having been held up in The Downs by a British patrol ship. Four German stowaways were taken off. Later the liner was boarded at Falmouth by British naval officers, who removed 255 bags of mail.

VERDUN GORY
FIGHT SCENE;
FRENCH LOSE

German Armies Push Their Way 2 Miles Inside Former Lines of Enemy.

AT NORTH OF FORTRESS

Both Sides Reported Heavy Sufferers in Battling of the Second Day.

London, Feb. 24, (3:32 p. m.)—Emperor William has established his headquarters at the German positions facing Verdun, according to information received by Berlin by the Evening News by way of Copenhagen.

It is reported that the emperor is more energetic than ever, making daily speeches to the troops and encouraging the soldiers. He seems inspired at present with a desire to defeat the French army at any cost.

Berlin, Feb. 24, (via London, 3:12 p. m.)—Further gains for the Germans in the region north of the French fortress of Verdun were reported by the war office today. The statement says the entire wooded district northwest of Beaumont and the forest of Herbe are in possession of the Germans.

Announcement also was made of the capture by the Germans of the villages of Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux, in the Verdun region. The statement follows: "Western front: The success we obtained east of the Meuse has been extended further. The villages of Brabant, Haumont, Samogneux have been captured. The entire wooded district northwest, north and northeast of Beaumont and the forest of Herbe, are in our possession."

"South of Metz, an advanced French post was taken by a surprise attack. The entire garrison of 50 men was captured."

"Eastern front: On the northern sectors of the front there were lively artillery duels, and at numerous points patrol engagements occurred. There have been no incidents of special importance."

"Balkan front: There is nothing to report."

Samogneux is about one mile south of Haumont, the loss of which was admitted yesterday by the French war office. It is six miles north of Verdun. London, Feb. 24.—At last accounts the battle of Verdun was still raging with great fury, both sides keeping up a continuous fire from all available artillery and throwing masses of troops into the fray. Losses on each side have been heavy.

In the fighting during the second day of the great battle the Germans pushed their way at points two miles inside the former French lines, penetrating as far as the village of Haumont, less than eight miles from the fortress. The French claim to have held the approaches to the south of that village, however, checking the German advance there, as they did in the wood of Caures. East of the latter point, however, the German advance continued, their forces penetrating the Wavrille wood after desperate fighting. Elsewhere the German attack is claimed to have been arrested.

An unexpected war development is

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ADMIRAL VON POHL
IS DEAD IN BERLIN

Berlin, Feb. 24, (2:30 a. m.), via London. Admiral von Pohl, whose retirement on account of ill-health from the position of commander of the German fleet was announced two days ago, has died in Berlin.

Hugo von Pohl was born at Breslau on Aug. 25, 1855. He received a commission as lieutenant at the age of 21 and at 24 he was made senior lieutenant. He was made commander in 1894, captain in 1898, and full admiral in January, 1913. He saw active service in command of the cruiser Hansa at the bombardment of the Taku forts, China, in 1900.

Vice Admiral von Pohl was appointed chief of the admiralty staff, with headquarters at Wilhelmshaven, in 1909. In February, 1915, he succeeded Admiral von Ingenohl as commander of the German battle fleet, and a Berlin dispatch dated Feb. 22 last, announced his retirement from that position and the appointment of Vice Admiral Reinhardt Scheer to succeed him.

CAPITAL NEXT TO
CHECK TIP TRUST

District of Columbia May Copy Merritt Law Enacted by the Illinois Legislature.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 24.—Official Washington hopes to be relieved of the tipping evil by means of legislation, in the opinion of Edward L. Merritt, state representative and author of the Merritt anti-tipping law. Representative Merritt said today that he had turned a copy of the Illinois law, enacted by the last legislature, over to United States District Attorney Knotts. Mr. Knotts said he was forwarding the copy of the bill to the attorney general's office at Washington in response to a request.

The Illinois law makes it unlawful for hotels, cafes, or similar places to sell or lease tipping privileges and provides that when an individual receives a tip the tip belong to that individual. If the tip is turned over to another person that act is a misdemeanor.

"Washington is overrun by the worst tip trust in the country," said Representative Merritt, "and I am not surprised that they are beginning to seek relief in the District of Columbia."

Thus far there has not been any successful prosecution of violators of the law in Illinois, but Representative Merritt said he planned to carry a case to the supreme court, so as to get a ruling on the constitutionality of the law and that when this was done he expected better success in enforcing his pet law.

CRONES HIDING IN
CHICAGO, BELIEF

Hope to Get Trace of Soup Poisoner at Mass Meeting of Anarchists Friday Night.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Belief that Jean Crones, wanted in connection with the poisoning of the soup served at a banquet to Archbishop Mundelein recently, may now be hiding in Chicago was expressed by police officials today. A renewed search among haunts of anarchists and other radicals was begun by the detective department and State's Attorney Hoyne.

A mass meeting of anarchists to be held tomorrow night will be attended by a picked squad of police and detectives in the hope that some trace of the missing chief may be obtained.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Fair tonight and Friday, colder tonight with the lowest temperature about 20 to 25 degrees; rising temperature Friday.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 78, at 7 a. m. 88, at 1 p. m. today 72.

Stage of water 11.2, a rise of .5 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

BODIES RETURNED
BY ITALIAN FLYER

Companions of Captain Salomone Fall Beside Him As He Directs Raid on Libach.

Milan, (via Paris), Feb. 24.—Details are now published of the raid carried out on last Friday by an Italian air squadron on Libach, a city of 30,000, about forty-five miles east of Gorizia, and it is declared to have been eminently successful, chiefly on account of the heroism of Captain Salomone, who piloted a large machine carrying four men. The task entrusted to this machine was to engage adversary aircraft in order to allow the other Italian machines to accomplish their mission of bombardment. Captain Salomone attacked several Austrian aeroplanes and in the battle which ensued two of his companions were killed and he himself wounded. He continued, however, to handle his machine so successfully that his observer, Colonel Barbieri, was able to keep up a steady machine gun fire on the Austrians.

Bullets rained on the Italian aeroplane from all sides and Colonel Barbieri was killed. The pilot remained alone with the bodies of his companions hindering the manipulation of the levers, that of Colonel Barbieri lying across one of the steering wires. Wiping the blood from his eyes, for he was wounded in the forehead, Captain Salomone managed to move the body and that of another man so that he could steer more easily and, having sufficiently delayed the pursuers to enable his fellow aviators to reach their goal, he finally landed at Palmanova and was taken from his machine in a fainting condition. King Victor Emmanuel has awarded him the medal for valor.

POLICE NEEDED FOR
BARGAIN DAY CRUSH

Aurora, Ill., Feb. 24.—Women stormed the downtown streets in such numbers today the police had to be called out to break up jams in which slighter shoppers were being crushed. A semi-annual "dollar day"—a day on which merchants sell goods of every description from shoes to suits of clothes for \$1—was the occasion for the outpouring.

Long lines of women were at various store doors hours before they opened this morning. The feminine rush was reminiscent of the crush at a baseball park during a world's series.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Resumed debate on waterpower bill.

Objection prevented Senator Gore from introducing legislation to keep Americans off armed ships of belligerents.

Hearing continued into fitness of Louis D. Brandeis for the United States supreme court.

Inquiry resumed into alleged monopoly of sisal output.

HOUSE.

Consideration of postoffice bill continued.

Hearing on Representative London's neutral peace congress resolution begun by foreign affairs committee.

Admiral Winslow appeared before naval affairs committee in executive session to testify on national defense.

DYING MESSAGES
FROM A ZEPPELIN

Bottle Containing Letters Written by Commander to His Family Found in the North Sea.

London, Feb. 24 (11:40 a. m.)—A bottle has been picked up from the sea containing last messages from the commander of Zeppelin L-19, which was wrecked in the North sea, and addressed to the commander's parents, wife and little son. The last of the message stated that the airship had dropped and the crew was drowning.

The yacht Stella picked up the bottle containing the messages from Commander Uhle, near Gothenburg. Four letters were found, two addressed to the parents of the Zeppelin commander and one each to his wife and child. The letters were written at successive periods. The third states that the airship was then 100 metres above the water, that the motors had failed to act, and that all were expecting at any moment to drop. The fourth letter states that the airship had dropped and the crew was drowning.

The L-19 was wrecked in the North sea shortly after the Zeppelin raid over England on Jan. 31. It is believed to have been one of the Zeppelins which took part in the raid, having been damaged either by British anti-aircraft guns or by Dutch coast defense guns which fired on a dirigible that flew over Dutch territory at a low altitude.

The captain of the British trawler King Stephen reported that he had encountered the L-19 in a sinking condition in the North sea, but did not attempt to rescue the Germans, as they outnumbered his crew.

WHEAT HIT HARD
BY RECALL TALK

May Option Drops More Than Seven Cents on Rumor of Possible Break With Berlin.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Disturbing rumors that drastic consequences would result from tension between Washington and Berlin regarding Germany's submarine policy caused a break of more than 7 cents a bushel today in the price of wheat, as compared with values current earlier in the session. The gist of the rumors was that the handing of passports to the German ambassador was imminent.

The most sensational fall took place in the price of the May option, which dropped from 1.24 1/2 to 1.17, a loss of 7 1/2 cents. The low point was down 10 cents a bushel as compared with figures that were obtained on Monday.

For the great part, the losses took place in the last 15 minutes of the session and were accompanied by wild efforts on the part of holders to unload.

Closing prices showed a slight reaction, but were 5 to 5 1/2 cents under yesterday's finish, with May at 1.17 1/2 and July at 1.14 1/2.

CHICAGO ROW
GETS BITTER;
IN AN UPROAR

Negro Alderman, Thompson Supporter, Tries to Stop One of Investigations.

COMMITTEE CONFUSED

Welfare Department Employees Deny Having Donated Part of Salaries.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Uproar and confusion marked the opening session today of the city council committee investigating the split salary charges made by Mrs. Page Waller Eaton, resigned superintendent of social surveys, against her former superior, Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, commissioner of the department of public welfare.

Mrs. Eaton's testimony was delayed by the action of Oscar Depriest, negro alderman and one of Mayor Thompson's supporters in the council, who challenged the legality of the investigation and moved that Mrs. Eaton be not permitted to testify. His motion prevailed until Alderman Buck, committee member and council opponent of Mayor Thompson, arrived. Depriest continued to argue against the investigation. Other committee members joined in the clamor and personal encounters for a time seemed likely.

Meanwhile the civil service commission had called Mrs. Eaton. Her counsel, Seymour Stedman, explained she would gladly appear before the commission later. The commissioners then listened to testimony from various employees of the public welfare department, who declared they had never been asked to contribute any funds by their superiors.

The council committee has asked the following to appear: Mayor and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Margaret E. Mivelaz, sister of Mrs. Thompson and alleged recipient of the graft money; Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Eaton, Alderman W. E. Rodriguez, who made the original charges before the council and who is said to have been a witness to payment of money to Mrs. Rowe, and Fulton Gardner, also said to have witnessed the payment of money. Mayor and Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Mivelaz will not appear, and it is thought that Mrs. Rowe will also decline the invitation.

Many Summoned.

Those for whom subpoenas were issued by the civil service commission include:

Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Rowe, Alderman Rodriguez, Seymour Stedman, counsel for Mrs. Eaton; Fulton Gardner and Edward J. Brundage. Twenty-one employees of the department of public welfare were also summoned.

Pending the outcome of the investigation by the commission all salaries in the department of public welfare will be held up, it was announced.

Mayor and Mrs. Thompson have also been summoned to appear before the commission, it is said, and will be present.

The law prohibits the soliciting of political contributions from a civil service employee and also prohibits the payment of money by a civil service employee for appointment. It was pointed out, therefore, that both Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Rowe would be held liable if the charges are substantiated. The act provides a penalty of \$50 to \$1,000 or imprisonment, or both.

Doesn't Need Graft Money.

Mrs. Margaret E. Mivelaz, sister-in-law of Mayor Thompson, who Mrs. Eaton charged was to be the beneficiary of her divided salary payments, is the widow of John Mivelaz, who was a well-to-do restaurant keeper in Louisville, Ky.

Dispatches from Louisville today said that Mivelaz left on estate valued at \$80,000. Mrs. Mivelaz has denied that she was in financial straits and her friends assert she does not require assistance.

Among other angles to be discussed in the investigation is a statement that Una Foster, junior stenographer in the department of public welfare, was compelled to falsify public records by crediting the department with securing employment for needy persons when it had not done so.

The council committee convened before the civil service investigation began. Mrs. Eaton began her testimony.

Hold Consistory at Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 24.—Scottish Rites of Illinois from the eight consistories assembled here yesterday, in what is said to be the first state consistory convention ever held. Illustrous Sylvester O. Spring of Chicago 32d degree deputy for Illinois, will direct the work.